



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*Exposing our Hearts ... by Billy*

**READ EZEKIEL 33:30-33**

- Today we will heed the warning against living a shallow life. By shallow I mean trivial, superficial one dimensional.
- There is a shallowness in man that prevents him from exploring the deeper things of life even though he is made to do so.
- He is content with superficial elements that are more likely to satisfy his own immediate desires and also impress his fellow man such as image, financial worth and personality.
- When a man sits and listens to the word of God he may even congratulate himself that he is better than most because he can enjoy a good sermon.
- In this passage we have a picture of such a company of people.
- There are seen to encourage one another to go and listen to God's word which is in itself a very good thing.
- So they are sitting and listening although their hearts are still set on lust and greed. How can this be? (Isaiah 58).
- It is because they have reserved the deeper level of heart affection for selfish passions and desires.
- I think that when God seeks to enter into the affairs of people He finds many 'reserved' signs in each room of the life.
- God's searching word is kept at arm's length.
- Do we really want to spend our time rating the preachers or debating the controversial verses? This is a sign of shallowness.
- It is tragic to witness the destruction that people bring upon themselves because they refuse to obey the command of Jesus Christ.
- The greatest ruin of all is that they have separated themselves from Christ for eternity in a place of torment.
- The priority for them is for more leisure, more profit and more fame but true followers of Jesus Christ must refuse to put such things in front of obedience to the word of God.
- We need to learn to listen in a way that exposes our hearts to the searching words of scripture.



## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

### Events /Notices

- ▶ **Sunday school teachers/volunteers** and parents meeting next *Sunday 13th Nov @ 1.30pm*
- ▶ **Late night prayer** on *Saturday 19th Nov @ 8.00pm*. There will be a focus on prayer for the persecuted church during this time. .

### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

#### ▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3 - 7 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)*

#### ▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).

